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**Advance Report: U.S. International Trade in Goods**  
**June 2015**

**Monthly Release Schedule**

Statistical Month	Date
July	08/28/15
August	09/29/15
September	10/28/15
October	11/24/15
November	12/29/15

This report presents two sets of trade in goods statistics: "Advance" statistics reflect partial coverage of the current and previous months; and "Final" statistics reflect complete coverage of the current and previous months and correspond to the trade in goods statistics published in the most recent "FT-900: U.S. International Trade in Goods and Services" release (FT-900). Values in the Advance report are subject to change prior to the publication of the FT-900. All statistics are presented on a Census basis. For information on data sources, nonsampling errors, and definitions, see the information section on page A-1 of this release or at [www.census.gov/foreign-trade/advance/current/adv\\_info.pdf](http://www.census.gov/foreign-trade/advance/current/adv_info.pdf).

### Exhibit 1. Balance of Goods - Census Basis

In millions of dollars. Details may not equal totals due to rounding.

Period	Seasonally Adjusted	Not Seasonally Adjusted
<b>Advance</b>		
<b>2014</b>		
Jan. - Dec.	-721,679	-721,679
Jan. - May	-303,745	-284,741
January	-57,150	-56,694
February	-59,102	-46,073
March	-60,481	-50,599
April	-64,364	-67,914
May	-62,648	-63,462
June	-58,615	-57,312
July	-59,213	-71,104
August	-58,679	-58,536
September	-61,489	-70,306
October	-60,971	-65,512
November	-55,970	-52,857
December	-62,998	-61,310
<b>2015</b>		
Jan. - May	-305,728	-283,592
January	-59,815	-57,405
February	-55,218	-43,328
March	-70,527	-64,390
April	-60,422	-61,423
May	-59,747	-57,046
June	-62,256	-64,838
July		
August		
September		
October		
November		
December		
<b>Final</b>		
<b>2014</b>		
Jan.- Dec.	-727,153	-727,153
Jan.- May	-305,192	-286,405
January	-59,291	-59,098
February	-59,543	-46,649
March	-61,889	-51,890
April	-63,247	-66,708
May	-61,222	-62,060
June	-60,640	-59,319
July	-59,261	-71,124
August	-59,436	-59,174
September	-60,638	-69,527
October	-60,721	-65,214
November	-58,206	-55,007
December	-63,058	-61,384
<b>2015</b>		
Jan.- May	-306,130	-283,838
January	-61,077	-58,716
February	-55,947	-43,899
March	-69,269	-63,102
April	-59,413	-60,367
May	-60,424	-57,754
June		
July		
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December		

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Seasonally Adjusted

Exhibit 2. U.S. Exports of Goods by Principal End-Use Category

In millions of dollars. Details may not equal totals due to seasonal adjustment and rounding.

Period	Total Census Basis (2)	End-Use Commodity Category (1)						
		Foods, Feeds, & Beverages	Industrial Supplies (3)	Capital Goods	Automotive Vehicles, etc.	Consumer Goods	Other Goods	
2014	Advance							
	Jan. - Dec.	1,617,818	142,941	503,669	551,975	156,730	199,561	62,942
	Jan. - May	666,745	61,000	209,265	226,869	63,107	81,738	24,765
	January	132,814	12,134	43,851	44,585	12,212	15,656	4,376
	February	131,404	12,092	40,816	44,262	12,453	16,604	5,177
	March	134,131	12,349	41,577	46,078	12,601	16,374	5,151
	April	133,876	12,141	41,272	46,178	12,615	16,460	5,211
	May	134,520	12,285	41,748	45,766	13,226	16,645	4,850
	June	135,293	11,876	42,065	45,763	13,501	16,901	5,187
	July	137,147	11,616	43,067	45,969	14,637	16,706	5,152
	August	136,979	10,876	43,435	47,028	12,983	17,216	5,441
	September	134,615	11,494	41,721	46,394	13,112	16,572	5,322
	October	137,092	11,978	41,793	47,809	13,305	16,974	5,233
	November	135,777	12,260	42,469	45,679	12,807	16,653	5,910
	December	134,170	11,841	39,854	46,464	13,278	16,802	5,932
	2015							
Jan. - May		633,131	54,143	182,925	227,912	60,795	83,369	23,986
January		127,988	10,893	37,070	45,715	12,668	16,798	4,844
February		124,831	10,686	35,753	44,279	11,577	17,698	4,837
March		125,854	10,936	36,033	45,339	12,020	16,838	4,687
April		127,741	10,708	36,685	47,518	12,117	16,005	4,707
May		126,718	10,919	37,384	45,061	12,412	16,031	4,911
June		126,558	10,493	37,131	44,112	12,658	16,713	5,451
July								
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								
2014		Final						
		Jan.- Dec.	1,620,532	143,751	505,114	551,056	159,690	198,906
	Jan.- May	668,325	61,185	209,880	226,537	64,257	81,737	24,729
	January	132,109	12,128	43,169	44,577	12,357	15,650	4,228
	February	131,109	12,070	40,756	44,313	12,429	16,620	4,920
	March	134,661	12,457	41,717	46,006	13,075	16,395	5,011
	April	134,415	12,205	41,930	45,900	12,920	16,405	5,055
	May	136,032	12,325	42,307	45,741	13,477	16,667	5,514
	June	135,132	11,883	42,214	45,601	13,500	16,920	5,014
	July	137,182	11,649	43,138	46,145	14,760	16,523	4,968
	August	137,433	10,908	43,957	46,913	13,408	16,904	5,342
	September	135,680	12,104	42,256	46,034	13,458	16,605	5,223
	October	137,207	12,025	41,900	47,696	13,583	16,951	5,052
	November	135,483	12,084	42,269	45,732	13,171	16,589	5,639
	December	134,090	11,913	39,500	46,400	13,554	16,676	6,048
	2015							
Jan.- May		635,724	54,454	184,742	227,747	62,039	82,609	24,133
January		128,486	10,965	37,605	45,875	12,795	16,749	4,497
February		125,614	10,763	36,297	44,384	11,751	17,755	4,664
March		126,139	10,979	36,254	45,257	12,362	16,115	5,171
April		128,465	10,783	36,891	47,335	12,512	16,035	4,910
May		127,019	10,964	37,695	44,896	12,618	15,955	4,891
June								
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Exhibit 3. U.S. Imports of Goods by Principal End-Use Category

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Period	Total Census Basis (2)	End-Use Commodity Category (1)							
		Foods, Feeds, & Beverages	Industrial Supplies (3)	Capital Goods	Automotive Vehicles, etc.	Consumer Goods	Other Goods		
2014	Advance								
	Jan. - Dec.	2,339,496	125,367	660,804	589,676	327,488	554,509	81,653	
	Jan. - May	970,489	51,024	282,748	240,132	133,124	229,441	34,019	
	January	189,963	9,739	56,005	47,522	25,626	44,978	6,094	
	February	190,506	9,705	56,404	46,978	25,960	45,144	6,316	
	March	194,612	10,470	57,417	47,727	26,345	45,581	7,073	
	April	198,240	10,631	57,368	48,365	26,979	47,319	7,579	
	May	197,167	10,480	55,555	49,542	28,213	46,419	6,958	
	June	193,908	10,659	55,131	49,000	27,462	45,170	6,485	
	July	196,360	10,787	55,414	49,114	28,391	44,910	7,744	
	August	195,658	10,484	54,978	50,651	27,511	45,589	6,446	
	September	196,103	10,575	54,238	49,916	27,180	47,174	7,020	
	October	198,063	10,819	54,785	50,526	28,033	47,340	6,562	
	November	191,747	10,413	50,341	49,847	27,489	47,092	6,565	
	December	197,168	10,606	53,168	50,490	28,299	47,793	6,813	
	2015	Jan. - May	938,860	53,481	212,519	253,496	141,598	242,931	34,834
		January	187,803	10,644	46,171	50,095	28,080	46,396	6,417
February		180,049	10,488	42,072	48,387	26,475	45,961	6,667	
March		196,381	10,955	42,143	52,219	29,012	54,047	8,006	
April		188,163	10,905	41,446	52,281	28,596	48,442	6,494	
May		186,465	10,489	40,688	50,514	29,436	48,085	7,251	
June		188,814	11,115	41,733	48,878	29,771	50,451	6,866	
July									
August									
September									
October									
November									
December									
2014		Final							
		Jan.- Dec.	2,347,685	125,757	666,751	591,115	327,651	557,783	78,629
		Jan.- May	973,517	51,236	285,918	240,381	133,265	230,027	32,691
		January	191,400	9,725	57,534	47,538	25,668	45,019	5,915
	February	190,651	9,693	57,445	46,942	25,915	44,682	5,974	
	March	196,550	10,558	58,167	47,738	26,398	46,459	7,230	
	April	197,662	10,664	57,281	48,569	26,991	47,088	7,069	
	May	197,254	10,596	55,491	49,593	28,292	46,779	6,502	
	June	195,772	10,776	55,525	49,459	27,461	46,011	6,539	
	July	196,444	10,729	55,675	49,303	28,543	45,494	6,700	
	August	196,869	10,500	55,672	50,729	27,481	46,026	6,460	
	September	196,319	10,637	54,620	50,063	27,195	47,183	6,621	
	October	197,927	10,821	54,756	50,557	28,000	47,298	6,495	
	November	193,689	10,474	51,035	50,404	27,522	47,932	6,323	
	December	197,149	10,585	53,549	50,219	28,186	47,810	6,800	
	2015	Jan.- May	941,854	53,549	213,934	253,626	141,783	245,159	33,803
		January	189,563	10,697	46,677	50,433	28,104	47,166	6,485
February		181,561	10,489	42,585	48,695	26,618	46,339	6,835	
March		195,407	10,981	42,177	52,135	28,982	53,814	7,318	
April		187,879	10,882	41,549	51,571	28,615	48,912	6,349	
May		187,444	10,500	40,945	50,791	29,462	48,928	6,817	
June									
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**Exhibit 4. U.S. Exports of Goods by Principal End-Use Category**

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Period	Total Census Basis (2)	End-Use Commodity Category (1)						
		Foods, Feeds, & Beverages	Industrial Supplies (3)	Capital Goods	Automotive Vehicles, etc.	Consumer Goods	Other Goods	
2014	Advance							
	Jan. - Dec.	1,617,818	142,941	503,669	551,975	156,730	199,561	62,942
	Jan. - May	662,582	60,007	210,509	223,039	63,177	81,153	24,698
	January	127,333	13,027	43,421	41,612	10,310	14,632	4,330
	February	123,910	12,093	38,579	40,234	11,856	16,019	5,129
	March	141,526	12,490	43,585	49,124	13,754	17,391	5,182
	April	133,263	11,336	41,966	45,483	13,073	16,202	5,203
	May	136,551	11,060	42,958	46,585	14,184	16,909	4,855
	June	138,515	10,354	42,293	47,564	14,247	18,854	5,202
	July	133,139	10,254	43,472	45,613	12,833	15,821	5,146
	August	136,876	10,168	43,988	47,370	13,323	16,569	5,459
	September	132,453	10,049	40,800	46,032	13,450	16,818	5,304
	October	145,344	14,357	43,139	50,085	14,317	18,193	5,254
	November	135,065	14,625	40,381	44,585	12,994	16,567	5,913
December	133,844	13,126	39,086	47,688	12,390	15,588	5,966	
2015								
	Jan. - May	627,652	53,728	183,521	223,206	60,595	82,683	23,919
	January	120,965	11,572	35,906	42,479	10,610	15,603	4,795
	February	117,604	10,750	33,810	40,176	11,013	17,072	4,783
	March	133,479	11,302	38,019	48,304	13,170	17,969	4,715
	April	127,724	10,184	37,696	46,852	12,535	15,752	4,704
	May	127,881	9,921	38,091	45,395	13,266	16,286	4,922
	June	130,915	9,309	37,355	46,335	13,473	18,976	5,467
	July							
	August							
	September							
	October							
	November							
	December							
	2014	Final						
Jan.- Dec.		1,620,532	143,751	505,114	551,056	159,690	198,906	62,014
Jan.- May		664,288	60,287	211,122	222,699	64,413	81,105	24,663
January		126,517	12,995	42,714	41,592	10,418	14,616	4,181
February		123,591	12,090	38,493	40,284	11,828	16,024	4,872
March		142,184	12,636	43,743	49,057	14,302	17,405	5,042
April		133,875	11,434	42,647	45,205	13,403	16,136	5,048
May		138,122	11,130	43,525	46,561	14,463	16,924	5,519
June		138,358	10,386	42,429	47,402	14,240	18,874	5,028
July		133,198	10,298	43,544	45,791	12,930	15,674	4,962
August		137,420	10,222	44,523	47,260	13,761	16,294	5,360
September		133,360	10,502	41,334	45,677	13,796	16,846	5,206
October		145,436	14,394	43,257	49,962	14,589	18,161	5,073
November		134,726	14,425	40,190	44,641	13,327	16,501	5,642
December	133,746	13,238	38,716	47,625	12,634	15,452	6,081	
2015								
	Jan.- May	630,231	54,070	185,317	222,980	61,927	81,872	24,066
	January	121,398	11,657	36,439	42,593	10,705	15,556	4,448
	February	118,348	10,831	34,322	40,271	11,179	17,135	4,610
	March	133,785	11,351	38,245	48,221	13,571	17,197	5,199
	April	128,505	10,263	37,914	46,667	12,972	15,781	4,907
	May	128,196	9,967	38,397	45,228	13,499	16,203	4,901
	June							
	July							
	August							
	September							
	October							
	November							
	December							

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Period	Total Census Basis (2)	End-Use Commodity Category (1)						
		Foods, Feeds, & Beverages	Industrial Supplies (3)	Capital Goods	Automotive Vehicles, etc.	Consumer Goods	Other Goods	
2014	Advance							
	Jan. - Dec.	2,339,496	125,367	660,804	589,676	327,488	554,509	81,653
	Jan. - May	947,323	51,499	282,705	232,952	131,098	215,545	33,524
	January	184,026	9,967	55,915	45,114	23,233	43,738	6,060
	February	169,983	8,839	50,620	41,125	24,321	39,277	5,802
	March	192,124	10,883	57,459	48,250	27,719	40,758	7,056
	April	201,177	10,918	60,387	48,476	27,789	45,804	7,804
	May	200,013	10,893	58,325	49,988	28,036	45,968	6,802
	June	195,827	10,760	55,978	50,869	27,835	43,763	6,623
	July	204,242	10,798	59,438	51,204	27,214	47,619	7,970
	August	195,413	10,046	55,588	49,701	27,966	46,048	6,063
	September	202,759	10,079	54,921	50,701	27,077	52,495	7,486
	October	210,856	11,176	55,203	53,093	30,306	54,142	6,935
	November	187,922	10,063	46,116	49,295	28,066	48,183	6,200
December	195,154	10,946	50,854	51,861	27,926	46,714	6,854	
2015								
	Jan. - May	911,244	53,754	212,310	244,933	138,853	227,287	34,107
	January	178,370	10,679	45,512	46,747	24,987	44,175	6,269
	February	160,932	9,513	38,161	42,387	24,707	40,084	6,081
	March	197,868	11,649	43,481	53,779	30,847	49,898	8,215
	April	189,147	11,183	43,247	52,040	29,392	46,527	6,758
	May	184,927	10,730	41,910	49,980	28,920	46,604	6,784
	June	195,753	11,454	43,616	52,027	30,675	50,763	7,219
	July							
	August							
	September							
	October							
	November							
	December							
	2014	Final						
Jan.- Dec.		2,347,685	125,757	666,751	591,115	327,651	557,783	78,629
Jan.- May		950,693	51,712	286,076	233,223	131,240	216,212	32,230
January		185,615	9,950	57,615	45,130	23,272	43,764	5,883
February		170,240	8,827	51,651	41,106	24,279	38,888	5,489
March		194,074	10,973	58,243	48,272	27,775	41,597	7,215
April		200,582	10,950	60,307	48,675	27,803	45,559	7,289
May		200,182	11,013	58,260	50,040	28,111	46,403	6,354
June		197,677	10,880	56,362	51,339	27,834	44,581	6,681
July		204,322	10,735	59,670	51,397	27,371	48,255	6,894
August		196,594	10,062	56,244	49,801	27,936	46,476	6,075
September		202,887	10,140	55,265	50,844	27,085	52,490	7,063
October		210,650	11,180	55,168	53,122	30,272	54,034	6,874
November		189,733	10,123	46,732	49,830	28,093	48,984	5,970
December	195,129	10,925	51,234	51,559	27,819	46,751	6,842	
2015								
	Jan.- May	914,069	53,817	213,711	245,040	139,021	229,415	33,065
	January	180,113	10,728	46,020	47,080	25,012	44,935	6,339
	February	162,246	9,513	38,624	42,655	24,840	40,379	6,235
	March	196,886	11,679	43,550	53,674	30,812	49,672	7,499
	April	188,872	11,157	43,344	51,382	29,412	46,976	6,601
	May	185,951	10,740	42,172	50,249	28,946	47,453	6,391
	June							
	July							
	August							
	September							
	October							
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	December							

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## ADVANCE REPORT INFORMATION SECTION

### **GOODS (CENSUS BASIS)**

Data for goods on a Census basis are compiled from the documents collected by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection and reflect the movement of goods between foreign countries and the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and U.S. Foreign Trade Zones. They include government and non-government shipments of goods and exclude shipments between the United States and its territories and possessions; transactions with U.S. military, diplomatic, and consular installations abroad; U.S. goods returned to the United States by its Armed Forces; personal and household effects of travelers; and in-transit shipments. Data for U.S. exports to Canada are derived from import data compiled by Canada. For more information on the data exchange and substitution please refer to the FT-900. The General Imports value reflects the total arrival of merchandise from foreign countries that immediately enters consumption channels, warehouses, or Foreign Trade Zones.

For imports, the value reported is the U.S. Customs and Border Protection appraised value of merchandise—generally, the price paid for merchandise for export to the United States. Import duties, freight, insurance, and other charges incurred in bringing merchandise to the United States are excluded.

Exports are valued at the f.a.s. (free alongside ship) value of merchandise at the U.S. port of export, based on the transaction price including inland freight, insurance, and other charges incurred in placing the merchandise alongside the carrier at the U.S. port of exportation.

### **NONSAMPLING ERRORS**

The goods data are a complete enumeration of documents collected by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection and are not subject to sampling errors. Quality assurance procedures are performed at every stage of collection, processing, and tabulation. However, the data are still subject to several types of nonsampling errors. The most significant of these include reporting errors, undocumented shipments, timeliness, data capture errors, and errors in the estimation of low-valued transactions.

**Reporting Errors:** Reporting errors are mistakes or omissions made by importers, exporters, or their agents in their import or export declarations. Most errors involve missing or invalid commodity classification codes and missing or incorrect quantities or shipping weights. They have a negligible effect on aggregate import, export, and balance of trade statistics. However, they can affect the detailed commodity statistics.

**Undocumented Shipments:** Federal regulations require importers, exporters, or their agents to report all merchandise shipments above established exemption levels. The U.S. Census Bureau has determined that not all required documents are filed, particularly for exports.

**Timeliness and Data Capture Errors:** The U.S. Census Bureau captures import and export information from administrative documents and through various automated collection programs. Documents may be lost, and data may be incorrectly keyed, coded, or recorded. Transactions may be included in a subsequent month's statistics if received late.

**Low-valued Transactions:** The total values of transactions valued as much as or below \$2,500 for exports and \$2,000 (\$250 for certain quota items) for imports are estimated for each country, using factors based on the ratios of low-valued shipments to individual country totals for past periods.

The U.S. Census Bureau recommends that data users incorporate this information into their analyses, as nonsampling errors could impact the conclusion drawn from the results. For a detailed discussion of errors affecting the goods data, see "U.S. Merchandise Trade Statistics: A Quality Profile," available at [www.census.gov/foreign-trade/aip/quality\\_profile10032014.pdf](http://www.census.gov/foreign-trade/aip/quality_profile10032014.pdf) or from the Economic Indicators Division, U.S. Census Bureau.

### **ADJUSTMENTS FOR SEASONAL AND TRADING-DAY VARIATIONS**

Goods are initially classified under the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (Harmonized System), which is an internationally accepted standard for the commodity classification of traded goods. The Harmonized System describes and measures the characteristics of the goods and is the basis for the systems used in the United States: Schedule B for exports and Harmonized Tariff Schedule for imports. Combining trade into approximately 140 export and 140 import end-use categories makes it possible to examine goods according to their principal uses. These categories are used as the basis for computing the seasonal and trading-day adjusted data. These adjusted data are then summed to the six end-use aggregates for publication.

The seasonal adjustment procedure (X13-ARIMA-SEATS) is based on a model that estimates the monthly movements as percentages above or below the general level of series (unlike other methods that redistribute the actual series values over the calendar year).

Each June, advance seasonally adjusted data are updated to reflect recalculated seasonal adjustments. For December statistical month Advance Reports, each prior month of the most recent full year of advance data is updated so that the totals of the seasonally adjusted months equal the annual totals.

### **DATA AVAILABILITY**

The Advance Report: U.S. International Trade in Goods is available at the following:

[www.census.gov/foreign-trade/advance/current/](http://www.census.gov/foreign-trade/advance/current/)